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[Docket No. CP96-206-000]

### **Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Application**

February 28, 1996.

Take notice that on February 12, 1996, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, filed an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, for authority (1) To abandon by transfer to Williams Gas Processing-Gulf Coast (WGP), its affiliate, certain onshore and offshore certificated, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Transco states that as part of an ongoing corporate-wide restructuring of the Williams Companies, Inc. (Williams) with the objective of separating all gathering facilities from the jurisdictional transmission companies, Transco seeks to spin down to WGP all its onshore and offshore facilities which are used primarily for the purpose of gathering. It is indicated that WGP is organized as a separate, stand-alone company independent of the interstate pipeline affiliates and that the focus of its business is providing competitive unbundled gathering services.

Transco proposes to abandon two onshore systems, five offshore systems, and other miscellaneous onshore and offshore stub facilities. The onshore systems are The Tilden/McMullen Gathering System, which includes facilities in Frio, La Salle, McMullen, Atascosa, Live Oak, Bee, San Patricio, Goliad, Victoria, De Witt, Jackson, and Wharton Counties, Texas and the Kings Ranch Plant Gas Gathering System, which includes facilities in Hidalgo, Starr, Willacy, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, and Kleberg Counties, Texas. The offshore systems are the North Padre

Island Gathering System, the Central Texas Gathering System, and the North High Island/West Cameron Gathering System in offshore Texas and the Central Louisiana and Southeast Louisiana Gathering Systems in offshore Louisiana. In addition, Transco proposes to abandon certain miscellaneous offshore and onshore facilities, most of which are non-contiguous to Transco's system and connect instead with third-party pipelines. Transco proposes to abandon the facilities at net book value, which as of December 31, 1995, was approximately \$230,423,155.

Transco states that WGP has made a related filing in Docket No. CP96-207-000, requesting a declaratory order finding that the facilities which it will acquire will not be subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 20, 1996, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that approval for the proposed abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be

unnecessary for Transco to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. CP96-207-000]

### **Williams Gas Processing—Gulf Coast Company, L.P.; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order**

February 28, 1996.

Take Notice that on February 21, 1996, Williams Gas Processing—Gulf Coast Company, L.P. (WGP), P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, filed a petition for declaratory order in Docket No. CP96-207-000, requesting that the Commission declare that WGP's proposed acquisition, ownership, and operation of certain onshore and offshore natural gas gathering systems and other facilities currently owned by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) would not subject WGP or any portion of its facilities, rates, or services to the jurisdiction of the Commission under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), all as more fully set forth in the petition which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

WGP seeks a declaratory order finding that:

- The facilities described in its petition that WGP wishes to acquire from Panhandle will be gathering facilities exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act;
- WGP will not be a "natural gas company" pursuant to Section 2 of the Natural Gas Act by virtue of its proposed acquisition, ownership, and operation of such facilities;
- The gathering services to be performed by WGP will be non-jurisdictional gathering services exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction under Section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act; and
- WGP's rates, and charges for gathering services will not be subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Sections 4 and 5 of the Natural Gas Act.

WGP states that it is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Williams Companies, Inc. (Williams). WGP is organized as a separate, stand-alone company independent of the interstate pipeline affiliates and that the focus of its business is providing competitive unbundled gathering services.

WGP indicates that it would acquire facilities directly from Transco